

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 5 and 6. This sheet, which also includes Figs. 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6. In Figs. 5 and 6, the legend "Prior Art" is added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Drawings

Figures 5 and 6 are objected to under MPEP 608.02(g) for lacking a legend such as "Prior Art". In response, Figures 5 and 6 are amended to include the legend "Prior Art". A replacement sheet with the corrections to Figures 5 and 6, and an annotated sheet showing the changes, are enclosed.

Specification

The title of the amended as suggested in the Action to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 were presented. By this amendment, claims 1-3 are canceled and claims 4, 9, 11 and 13 are amended. Accordingly, claims 4-20 are now pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for lacking antecedent basis for "the N channel transistor". In response, claim 11 is amended as suggested to depend from claim 10 rather than from claim 9.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Manstretta et al. (US 6,242,971) in view of applicant's Figs. 5-6. Claims 1-3 are canceled, without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 15-20 is noted and appreciated. Claims 4-10 and 12-14 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claim 11 is indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In response, claim 4 is rewritten in independent form, and includes all limitations of base claim 1 from which it directly depends. Claims 5-8 depend from

claim 4. Claim 9 is rewritten in independent form, and includes all limitations of base claim 1 from which it directly depends. Claims 12-14 depend from claim 9. As noted above, claim 11 is rewritten to depend from claim 10 in order to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112. In addition, claim 13 is amended at applicant's initiative so that its preamble is in the same format as the other claims of this application.


In view of these amendments, applicant submits that claims 4-20 are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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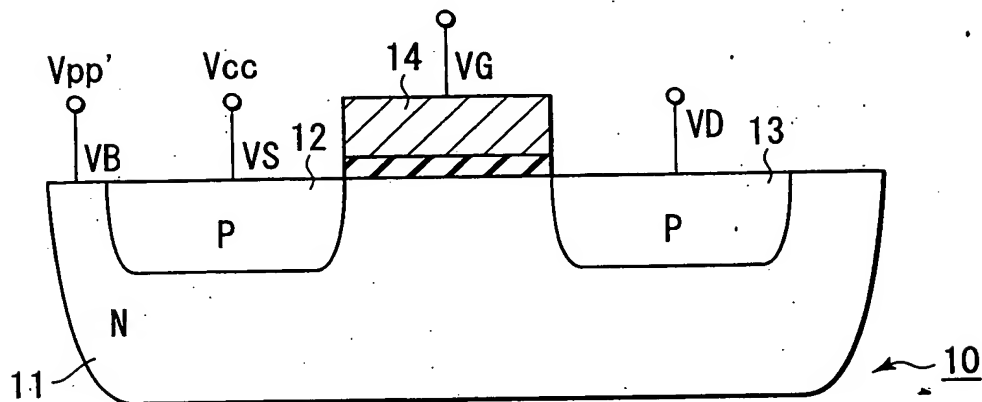


FIG. 2

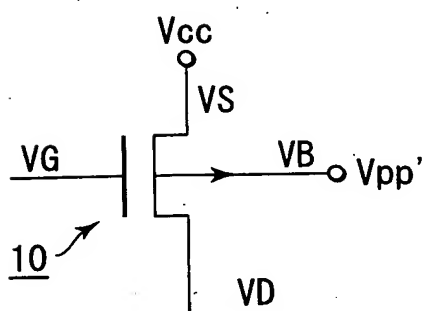


FIG. 1

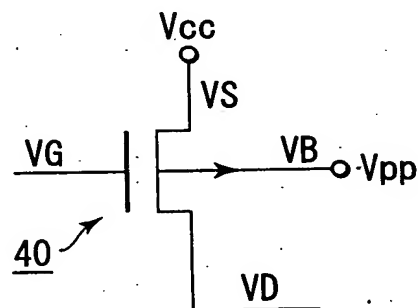


FIG. 5
Prior Art

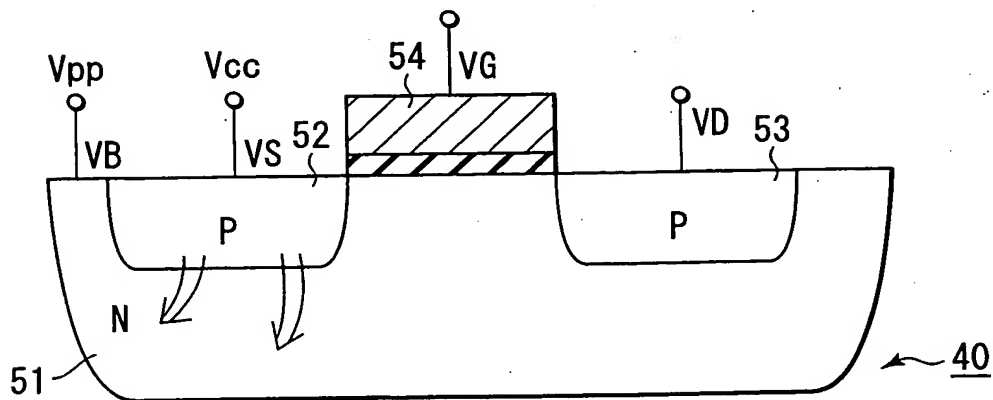


FIG. 6
Prior Art